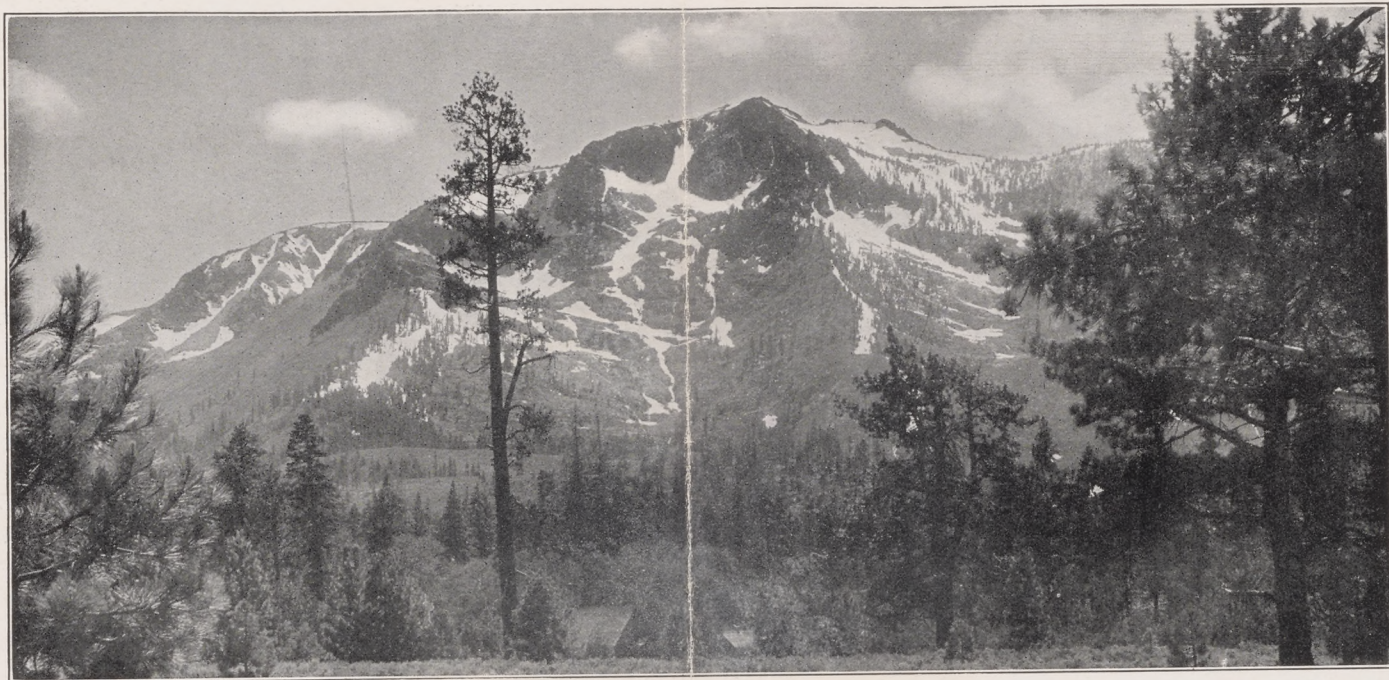


# LAKE TAHOE COUNTRY

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Mt. Tallac from the State Fish Hatchery

## LAKE TAHOE

In February, 1844, a party of explorers was forcing its way through the snow of the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the promised Canaan in the Sacramento Valley. They were exhausted; their supplies were gone; they were reduced to a ration of mule meat. In this condition, and seeking a better route westward, their leaders, Capt. John C. Fremont, U. S. A., and one companion, climbed a ridge near camp and saw to the north "a beautiful lake so entirely surrounded by mountains that we could not discover an outlet." This was Lake Tahoe.

Lake Tahoe lies on the California-Nevada line in a depression of the Sierra Nevada Mountains 6,225 feet above sea level. It is fifteen miles south of Truckee and two hundred miles east of San Francisco. It is twenty-three miles long and thirteen miles in breadth. Its depth is over 2,000 feet near Rubicon Point. Surrounding the Lake are lofty peaks, dozens of them from nine thousand to over eleven thousand feet high.

Tahoe, pronounced *Tä'-hoe*, is a Washoe Indian name meaning "Big Water," "High Water," and has been the summer fishing ground of the Indians from time immemorial. Many trout streams feed the lake and it is the source of the noted Truckee river which flows a hundred miles through Nevada furnishing water for vast irrigation and power projects, and finally "sinks" in Pyramid Lake, which has no outlet.

The marvelous blue of Tahoe is something that the traveler never forgets. It varies from the deepest indigo to brilliant emerald. This vivid coloring is due to the exceptional purity of the water. Lake Tahoe does not freeze in winter.

## THE TAHOE COUNTRY

Approaching Lake Tahoe from any direction you are among mountain forests, trout streams and green meadows. But besides the big lake, with its varied shore line, its immensity and grandeur, there is a back country of glacial lakes where the tourist is bewildered by the number and charmed by the exquisite beauty of these lesser gems. About Mt. Tallac alone, are fifty of these lakes, large and small, each in its own setting of forest or meadow or ice-sculptured granite.

In these upland glacial meadows and forests are rare birds, flowers and trees that are not seen at lower levels. As the snow melts, the flowers spring up in amazing number and variety, and by following the snow-line one may be in continual spring all summer long. Here in this region of wild cañons and rugged cliffs you may test your nerve in mountain climbing, you can find joy and romance in exploring, you may still find unnamed lakes, or climb peaks "where the foot of man has never been," and you can make the long cast for trout across the crystal water of some lake close to perpetual snow. These experiences furnish the unparalleled charm of the Tahoe Country.





Emerald Bay from the State Highway

### HOW TO REACH LAKE TAHOE BY RAIL

Truckee, the railroad junction for Lake Tahoe, is on the main line of the "Ogden Route" of the Southern Pacific Railroad. From here the Lake Tahoe Railway follows the scenic cañon of the Truckee river to Tahoe Tavern, fifteen miles south, on the northern shore of the Lake. Daily train service is from May 15th to October 15th. Stopover is allowed at Truckee on both railroad and Pullman tickets. This enables the tourist to pleasantly break the journey by a visit to the Lake. Lake Tahoe is but an overnight ride from San Francisco. Trains leaving in the evening arrive at Tahoe the following morning. The trip may also be made by daylight, the trains leaving San Francisco at 7:20 for Sacramento, thence by the Pierce-Arrow Auto Stage Line for Lake Tahoe, arriving at Tallac at six in the evening. Round-trip rail and stage tickets are sold so that the tourist may go one way and return the other.

### TRIP AROUND THE LAKE

The tourist on arriving at Tahoe should take the seventy-two mile trip around the lake, and it is only by this ride that the immensity and surpassing beauty of Lake Tahoe can be fully appreciated. The modern steel steamer "Tahoe" daily makes this trip. We will go with it touching at the various resorts on the lake shore and noting the chief points of interest. Soon after breakfast the steamer leaves the Tavern wharf, passes south by numerous private homes half

hidden among the trees until Homewood is reached. Here one finds a comfortable, home-like resort. After a few minutes' stop, the steamer moves on to McKinney's. This is one of the oldest and most popular resorts on the lake. Moana Villa and Tahoma are resorts near by. From McKinney's and Moana Villa an auto stage road leads over the ridge to Rubicon Soda Springs. Pomin's is the next stop, one of the newer resorts, rustic and attractive among the trees. The steamer now rounds Sugar Pine Point, passes Meek's Bay and on to Rubicon Point where the deepest soundings in Tahoe have been made. The clear water of the Lake here shows the deepest indigo and the cliffs rise so abruptly that they may almost be touched from the steamer.

We now enter Emerald Bay and come to the delightful Emerald Bay Camp surrounded by pines and cedars. Noted fishing grounds lie near. The State highway is blasted from the solid granite cliffs above it and is easily seen from the steamer. An auto road leads down to the camp. During the greater portion of the summer a waterfall thunders down from the heights.

Tallac, the next stop, is a notable resort at the south end of the Lake. Here E. J. Baldwin built one of the first resorts on Lake Tahoe: the famous Tallac House. The Pierce-Arrow Auto Stage Line leaves from Tallac for Placerville and Sacramento where it makes connection with rail lines in all directions. The auto stage for Fallen Leaf Lodge, a resort on



Pines, Firs and Cedars Add to the Charm of Lake Tahoe

Fallen Leaf Lake, five miles south, meets the steamer at Tallac.

Near Tallac is The Grove, Al-Tahoe, Bijou, Camp Bell and Lakeside Park. These are all well-known resorts and the sandy beaches at this end of the Lake make bathing one of their principal attractions. Also in this vicinity fishing is exceptionally good. From here Freel's Peak, Star Lake and Trout Creek are easily accessible by trail.

The steamer now turns north into Nevada waters, passes under Cave Rock and the highway of pioneer days—the highway made famous by Mark Twain. Horace Greeley and that veteran stage-driver Hank Monk; the main highway fifty years ago to the fabulous Virginia City mines.

Glenbrook Inn, the next stop, is the only resort on the Nevada side. It is surrounded by green meadows. The fishing is excellent off-shore. The Lincoln Highway leads from here by King's Cañon grade to Carson City, the capital of Nevada.

Brockway, the next stop, has the only hot springs on the Lake, and its out-of-door bathing pool adds to its popularity. Here, too, the fishing is especially good. Brockway is connected with auto road to Truckee, and also to Tahoe Tavern and around the Lake. Mt. Rose, 10,900 feet elevation, rises just behind it. Near-by is Tahoe Vista and Carnelian Bay.

You are back at the Tavern wharf as the evening shadows lengthen; the seventy-two mile journey is

ended but the memory of that crystal water, those ever-changing colors, the snowy peaks, the tumbling waterfalls, the forests and green meadows, the sandy beaches where children play and bathe, the cliffs and caves and rugged shore, all form a picture never to be forgotten.

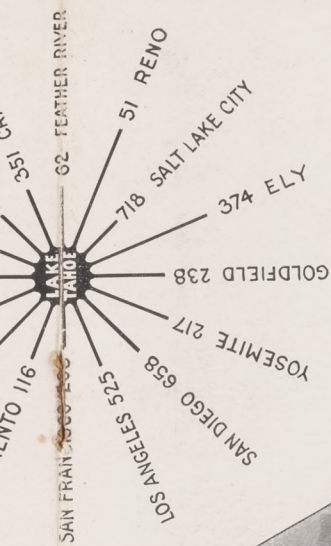
During July and August there is also another steamer operating in the reverse direction. Baggage may be checked through to any resort on the Lake.

### AUTO ROUTES

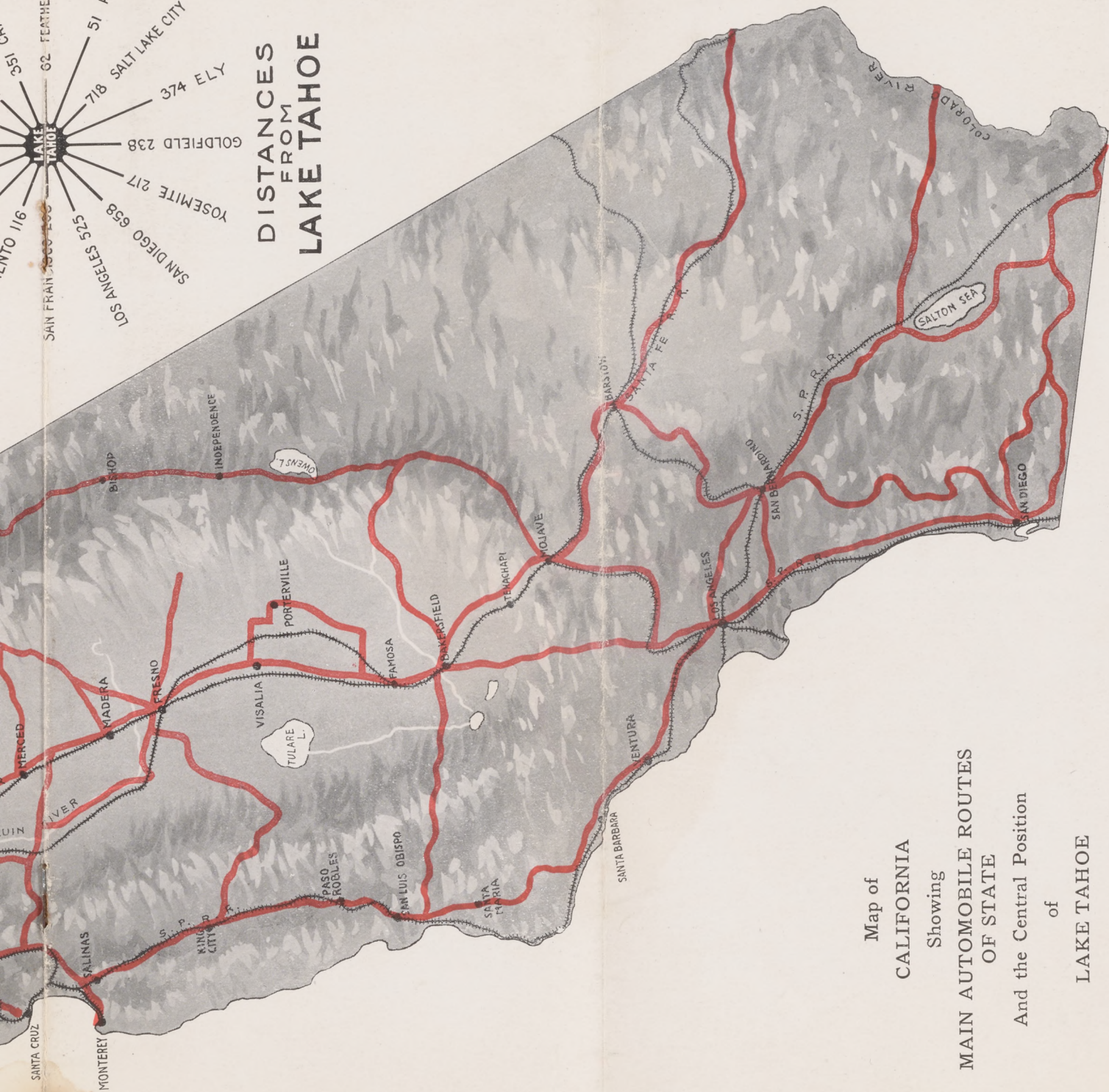
Lake Tahoe is the very center of the auto routes. East, the Lincoln Highway through Reno and Carson City; the Overland and Midland Trails; north lie Feather River country, Mt. Shasta, Lassen Volcano, Crater Lake and Oregon points; south, the famous Yosemite Valley via Tioga Pass, and the way to Los Angeles and southern California; west, the great valleys of California and the most wonderful system of concrete highways in the world. Is there any wonder that in summer "all roads lead to Tahoe"?

There are two main auto roads from Sacramento to Lake Tahoe, one via Placerville and Tallac and the other via Auburn, Truckee and Tahoe Tavern. Anyone visiting Tahoe for the first time is advised to go one way and return the other, thus making the famous "Wishbone Tour." These roads are usually open for travel the latter part of May.





## DISTANCES FROM LAKE TAHOE



Map of  
 CALIFORNIA  
 Showing  
 MAIN AUTOMOBILE ROUTES  
 OF STATE  
 And the Central Position  
 of  
 LAKE TAHOE



The State Highway Follows the Shore of Lake Tahoe for Fifty Miles

Leaving Sacramento for Tahoe we pass rich orchards, orange groves and vineyards until Folsom is reached. Here mighty gold dredgers are at work rooting up the gravel. The foothills now appear, with scattering growth of oak and pine. Our way leads up through the old town of Shingle and El Dorado to Placerville, rich in mines, orchards and nearby lumber mills. A few miles away is Coloma, famous as the place where John Marshall discovered the first gold. Placerville is the end of the concrete pavement. From here we tour over natural gravel roads to Tahoe. Long stretches of the road are sprinkled and the State Highway Commission is continually making improvements.

Leaving Placerville, we are at once in the forest of pine, fir, spruce and cedar, where the lumberman has felled few trees and we still see the woods in their primeval grandeur. The country grows greener, the air cooler; we pass close under a waterfall where the spray wets the car; we drop down a bit to the south fork of the American River, cross a stone bridge and perhaps may catch the silver glint of a trout. Thus we go up, ever up, pass the resorts of Pacific, Riverton, Whitehall, Kyburz, Strawberry and Phillips and reach the Summit, 7,400 feet above the sea and fifty miles from Placerville. Myers is three miles below the Summit. Here is the junction of the Tioga road for Yosemite and Nevada points. Tallac lies seven miles beyond. From Tallac you can go to Al-Tahoe, Glenbrook, Carson City and the beautiful Carson Valley en route to Yosemite, or up into the wilds to Fallen Leaf Country with its lakes and snow peaks, or you can keep straight on towards the Tavern, passing Emerald Bay with the grandest bit of scenery on the whole trip. Thence along miles of lake shore, each turn of the road a picture incomparable, and on down the river to Truckee. Here we turn west passing Donner Lake with its historic associations and where an inviting camp awaits the tourist. Then the Summit, Yuba River, Cisco, Emigrant Gap, Blue Cañon, Dutch Flat, Gold Run—famous gold deposits in early days; Col-

fax, Auburn, Newcastle and Penryn—all famous fruit shipping centers, and so on to Sacramento over a concrete highway from Auburn. This completes the Tahoe Tour, a distance of 260 miles of unsurpassed scenery and over grades that but seldom make "low" or even "second-speed" necessary.

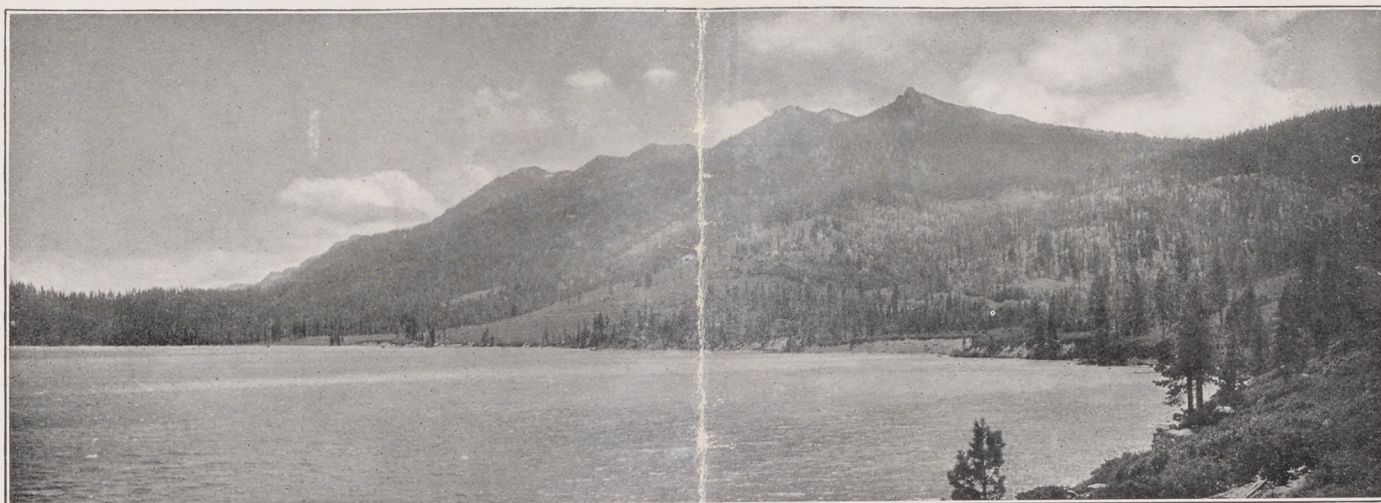
The tourist motoring from the East should certainly visit Lake Tahoe. The Lincoln Highway and the Overland Trail through Nevada center at Reno. From Reno there are two optional routes to California—one following the Truckee River to Tahoe by way of Truckee, thence following the State road along the shore of the Lake via Emerald Bay, Tallac and Placerville to Sacramento; the other, via Carson City, Glenbrook, Tallac and around the Lake to Tahoe Tavern and Truckee, reaching Sacramento via Auburn.

### THE TROUT OF TAHOE

Tahoe is noted for its trout. There are two native varieties, the cut-throat and the silver trout, but there has been introduced the Rainbow, the Eastern brook, Mackinaw, German brown, Loch Levin and Steelhead trout. These have flourished in many lakes and streams and furnish excellent sport. In Lake Tahoe trout are taken by trolling, but in the smaller lakes and streams they readily rise to a fly.

### THE CAMPING PARTY

Camping is a joy in the Tahoe Country. Nowhere are there cleaner, greener locations. There is no poison oak, no rattlesnakes nor harmful creatures of any kind to spoil the perfect delight of the summer's outing. Supplies may be obtained everywhere. Several of the resorts, in addition to the regular hotel accommodations, have housekeeping cabins, tents and public camp grounds. And then there is the great free out-of-doors—the Forest Reserve. The automobile has revolutionized travel. No one now thinks seriously of a thousand mile journey over our perfect highways. People are beginning more and more to see the educational value of a tour and are profiting by it.



Rugged Peaks Rise 4000 Feet Above Lake Tahoe's Shores

### THE LAKE TAHOE ASSOCIATION

is made up of the resort owners and others interested in Tahoe, who wish to make the wonders of the region better known. We have the finest playground in America. The Association is actively interested in the conservation of the waters of Lake Tahoe; in the good roads movement; in the further stocking of the lakes and streams with trout; in the prevention of forest fires and in the education of campers and tourists to that end.

The tourist to Lake Tahoe will find the kind of accommodation to suit his taste or means, from the hotels which afford every comfort, to the rustic camps where they just "rough it." All hotels and resorts are conducted on the American plan only, the minimum daily rates ranging from \$3.50 per day upward.

Letters addressed Secretary of Lake Tahoe Association, Tahoe, Cal., will be fully answered, or communicate direct with the various resorts shown below.

### SEASON, MAY TO OCTOBER

Resort	Manager	Post Office Address	Minimum Daily Rate
*Al-Tahoe Inn	Fred W. Tegeler	Al-Tahoe, Calif.	\$5.00
*Bijou Resort	Young Bros.	Bijou, Calif.	3.50
Brockway	Lawrence & Comstock	Brockway, Calif.	5.00
Camp Bell	Russell W. Bell	Bijou, Calif.	3.50
Deer Park Inn	Manager	Deer Park Springs, Calif.	
*Emerald Bay Camp	Nelson L. Salter	Emerald Bay, Calif.	3.50
*Fallen Leaf Lodge	W. W. Price	Fallen Leaf, Calif.	3.50
Homewood	Mrs. A. W. Jost	Homewood, Calif.	3.50
*Lakeside Park	P. S. Fox	Stateline, Calif.	3.50
Glenbrook Inn	C. C. Henningsen	Glenbrook, Nevada	3.50
McKinney's	D. H. Chambers	McKinney's, Calif.	3.50
Moana Villa	R. Colwell	McKinney's, Calif.	3.50
*Myers Hotel	C. G. Celio & Sons	Myers, Calif.	3.50
Pomin's	F. J. Pomin	Pomin's, Calif.	3.50
Rubicon Springs	R. Colwell	McKinney's, Calif.	3.50
Tahoe Tavern	C. T. Bliss	Tahoe, Calif.	6.00
Tahoe Vista Inn	Marsh & Lavergne	Tahoe Vista, Calif.	4.00
*Tahoma	J. Bishop	Pomin's, Calif.	3.50
Tallac Hotel	R. E. Warfield	Tallac, Calif.	6.00
The Grove	Mrs. J. C. Copland	Tallac, Calif.	4.00

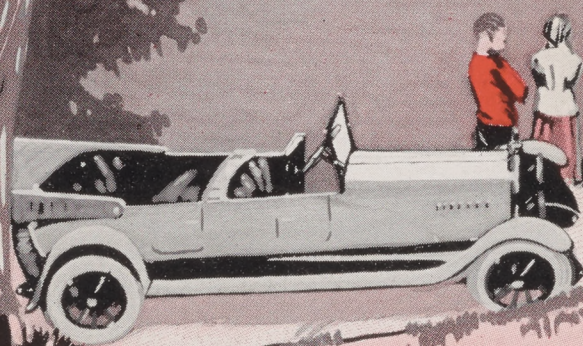
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